

REMARKS

Claims 1-44, 46-52, and 54-59 are pending in the application. Applicant has amended claims 1, 4-10, 13-19, 27, 28, 36-40, 44, and 47-52 and cancelled claims 45 and 53 without prejudice. Applicant requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner has objected to the specification because the abstract of the disclosure exceeds 150 words. Applicant submits herewith a revised substitute abstract of the disclosure that does not exceed 150 words.

The Examiner has requested a new copy of the original specification and claims, which are double spaced. Applicant submits the requested materials herewith.

The Examiner objected to the disclosure and requested certain information relating to a related application. Applicant has amended the specification to recite the requested information.

Claims 4-8, 13-17, 22-26, 31-35, 47-51, and 55-59 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph because a method claim cannot be further limited by an element limitation. Applicant has amended claims 4-8, 13-17, and 47-51 so that they are now presented as a method limitation on an independent method claim. Applicant submits that the Examiner's rejection of these claims is overcome. Dependent claims 22-26, 31-35, and 55-59 depend from independent apparatus claims and, as such, are in proper form. Applicant submits that the Examiner's rejection should, therefore, be withdrawn.

Claims 9, 18, 27, and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended these claims to delete the word "can." Applicant submits that this rejection based on indefiniteness has been overcome.

Claims 37-40 stand rejected as being anticipated by Hashimoto (U.S. Patent No. 4,242,539; “Hashimoto”). As amended,

- Claim 37 recites “displaying at each of said terminals, said received telephone number; and displaying at each of said terminals, a telephone number of said second terminal while said received telephone number is being displayed.”
- Claim 38 recites “means for displaying at each of said terminals, said received telephone number; and means for displaying at each of said terminals, a telephone number of said second terminal while said received telephone number is being displayed.”
- Claim 39 recites “displaying at each of said terminals, a telephone number of said first terminal; and displaying at each of said terminals, said dialed telephone number while said telephone number of said first terminal is being displayed.”
- Claim 40 recites “means for displaying at each of said terminals, a telephone number of said first terminal; and means for displaying at each of said terminals, said dialed telephone number while said telephone number of said first terminal is being displayed.”

Hashimoto, on the other hand, discloses a conventional caller identification system. In such a system, only the called party’s terminal displays the calling party’s telephone number. Hashimoto does not teach or suggest displaying both parties’ telephone numbers at each terminal at the same time. As such, Claims 37-40 are patentable over Hashimoto.

Claims 1, 7-10, 16-19, 25-28, 34-36, 41-44, 46-52 and 54-59 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Teshima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,273,288; “Teshima”). In the

rejection, there is no mention of the specific features recited in Teshima that would render the claims obvious. Although the Applicant strongly feels that the claims, as amended, should place the application in condition for allowance, the Applicant respectfully requests that if any prior art is applied by the Examiner to the amended claims, the Examiner should provide a non-final response that distinctly points out where each of the features recited in each claim are disclosed by any applied prior art. This way, the Applicant can clearly understand the Examiner's point of view and respond accordingly.

Addressing the substance of the rejection as understood by Applicant, as amended,

- Claim 1 recites “displaying at each of said terminals, a telephone number of said first terminal; and displaying at each of said terminals, said dialed telephone number while said telephone number of said first terminal is being displayed.”
- Claim 10 recites “displaying at each of said terminals, said received telephone number; and displaying at each of said terminals, a telephone number of said second terminal while said received telephone number is being displayed.”
- Claim 19 recites “means for displaying at each of said terminals, a telephone number of said first terminal; and means for displaying at each of said terminals, said dialed telephone number while said telephone number of said first terminal is being displayed.”
- Claim 28 recites “means for displaying at each of said terminals, said received telephone number; and means for displaying at each of said terminals, a telephone

number of said second terminal while said received telephone number is being displayed.”

On the other hand, Teshima discloses a caller ID where only a single terminal that receives a call displays the identity of a caller (the other terminal does not and neither terminal displays its own telephone number). Teshima does not teach or suggest displaying both parties’ telephone numbers at each terminal at the same time. As such, independent Claims 1, 10, 19, and 28 are patentable over Teshima.

Claims 7-9, 16-18, 25-27, and 34-36, which depend directly or indirectly from amended Claims 1, 10, 19, and 28, therefore are also patentable.

Regarding claims 41-43,

- Claim 41 recites “a keypad for enabling a game player to dial a telephone number of a game opponent, wherein said keypad displays game moves made by said game player and game opponent”.
- Claim 42 recites “a keypad for dialing a telephone number of a game opponent; and means for playing a game with said game opponent, wherein keys on said keypad display game moves.”
- Claim 43 recites “a keypad for dialing a telephone number of a game opponent; and means for playing a game with said game opponent, wherein keys on said keypad display game pieces.”

On the other hand, Teshima discloses two standard telephones (see Fig. 4) that dial telephone numbers. Teshima fails to teach or suggest a keypad that dials a telephone number and displays game moves. As such, independent Claims 41-43 are patentable over Teshima.

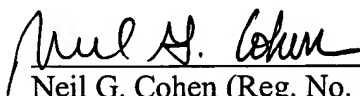
Independent Claim 44 has been amended to recite “displaying at each of said terminals, a game move corresponding to said received instruction and originating terminal, wherein said game move is displayed on one or more keys of a keypad used to dial telephone numbers.” Similarly, independent Claim 52 has been amended to recite “means for displaying at each of said terminals, a game move corresponding to said received instruction and originating terminal, wherein said game move is displayed on one or more keys of a keypad used to dial telephone numbers.”

As stated above, on the other hand, Teshima discloses two standard telephones (see Fig. 4) that dial telephone numbers. Teshima fails to teach or suggest a keypad that dials a telephone number and displays game moves. As such, independent Claims 44 and 52 are patentable over Teshima.

Claims 2-6, 11-15, 20-24, and 29-33 stand rejected as obvious over Teshima in view of Golad. These claims are dependent upon independent claims that, as amended, are allowable over the prior art of record. As such, these independent claims are also allowable.

For the reasons set forth above, all of the pending claims are patentable over the references of record and are now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of the all claims is earnestly solicited.

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